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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Further to the Information Disclosure Statement filed February 24, 2003, in compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

The listed documents describe a mode for printing by ejecting large and small ink droplets.

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Also enclosed is a copy of a Chinese Office Action, along with an English

translation thereof. It will be appreciated that the Office Action lists three documents, U.S.

Patent No. 4,499,479, Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application No. 61-146556 and Japanese

Laid-Open Patent Application No. 2-3324, which were cited in the Information Disclosure

Statement filed November 14, 2001. These documents may be relevant for the reasons

noted therein.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the

Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such

information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C.

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